

FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY POSITION IN STAMFORD, CT WITH FOCUS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/RESTRAINING ORDER MATTERS:

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) seeks a skilled and committed attorney to fill a family law attorney position providing victims-survivors of intimate partner violence or sexual assault with holistic, client-centered legal advocacy in restraining order, dissolution of marriage and custody matters in the Stamford Judicial District.

ATTORNEYS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Staff CLS' temporary restraining order (TRO) office in the Stamford Superior Court multiple days each week and provide legal assistance to indigent TRO applicants.
- In addition to assisting TRO applicants, maintain an active caseload of dissolution of marriage and custody matters.
- Represent clients in Superior Court.
- Provide back up and support to colleagues in CLS' Stamford office and other CLS offices.
- Conduct community outreach and coordinate activities with social service, domestic violence or sex assault agencies working with our clients.
- Help identify larger trends and issues for our clients, and work to develop strategies to respond to those trends and issues.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Deep and demonstrated commitment to advocacy on behalf of low-income, vulnerable, and marginalized communities.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to effectively interview clients, write persuasively and clearly, and the ability to communicate effectively with diverse populations.
- Demonstrated ability both to collaborate closely with colleagues and also to work independently.
- Creativity and flexibility in solving problems and meeting deadlines and other challenges.
- Connecticut bar admission or ability to be sworn into the Connecticut bar.
- Experience in, or connections to, low-income communities Knowledge of relevant substantive and procedural law, including courtroom practice and family law.

START DATE

As soon as possible.

COMPENSATION

Salary \$70,000 - \$135,782, depending on experience; excellent health, vacation/leave, and other benefits.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Please send applications – including a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, resume, writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references – to: applications@ctlegal.org Please type your name (Last, First) and “TRO Attorney Application” as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and will be accepted until the position is filled. In order to expedite the internal sorting and reviewing process, please type your name (Last, First) and "Attorney Application" as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

CLS is Connecticut's largest non-profit law firm, providing free legal help to low-income people in areas including housing, consumer, elder, family law, public benefits, children in crisis, immigration, employment, and disability. With a staff of 70 in seven offices across Connecticut, CLS fights for equal justice and improved life opportunities for more than 12,000 people every year.

For more information about CLS, visit <http://ctlegal.org>

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